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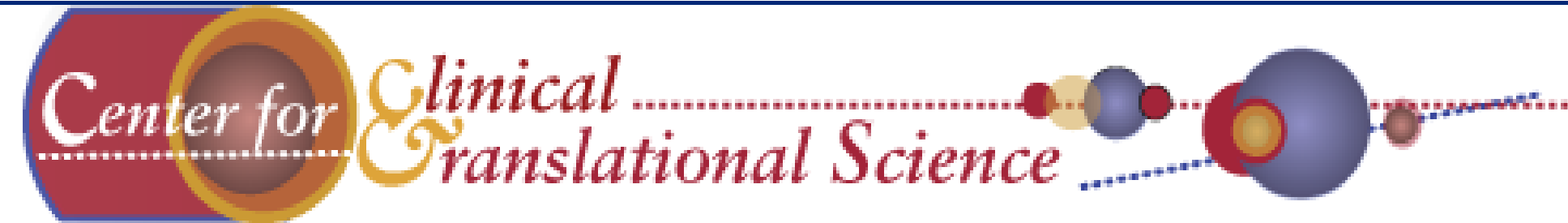
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# Community Engagement and Research Section

## UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science

[www.umassmed.edu/ccts.community](http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts.community)

*Working to improve health by developing & nurturing community engaged research that is fostered through equitable partnerships between UMass campuses and their communities.*

The UMCCTS Community Engagement and Research Section works to improve health in Massachusetts by fostering community engaged research among UMass researchers and community partners. We do this through conferences, pilot funding opportunities, webinars, training, consultation, linking researchers with community partners, and an email discussion group (listserv). Join us!

## Annual Symposium



Each year, faculty, staff, and students from the five UMass campuses gather with leaders from community organizations to share projects, ideas, challenges, and successes in community-partnered research. The event features posters, keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and many conversations.

**Visit our website** for agendas, presentations, and posters of past symposia.: [www.umassmed.edu/CCTS/Community](http://www.umassmed.edu/CCTS/Community)

## Pilot Projects

*Can a soccer tournament be used to educate African immigrants on HIV prevention, and to promote HIV testing and positive health behaviors?*

*What challenges do low wage workers have in maintaining a healthy weight? What policy changes can we make?*

These are some of the questions that UMass researchers and community organizations have collaborated to investigate with our Pilot Project in Translational Research program. To date, 12 projects have been funded to learn more about vulnerable groups of people and address health disparities.

UMass Campus Investigator(s)/Dept.	Community Partner	Project Title
<b>2013</b>		
Worcester: Jeroan Allison, MD, MS Department of Quantitative Health Sciences	Brenda Jenkins Mosaic Cultural Complex (Mosaic)	A Community-engaged and Simulation-based Intervention for Culturally Appropriate Informed
Worcester: Heather-Lyn Haley, PhD Family Medicine and Community Health	Valerie Zolezzi-Wyndham, Esq. Community Legal Aid	Understanding and Addressing the Legal Needs of Refugees
Worcester: LeRoi Hicks, MD, MPH Department of Medicine, Family Medicine and Community Health	Elmer R. Freeman, MSW Center for Community Health Education Research and Service	Resilient, Active and Vibrant Elders (RAVE)
<b>2012</b>		
Worcester: Carol Bova, PhD, RN, ANP Graduate School of Nursing	Chioma Nnaji, MEd, MPH, Augustus Woyah & Alice Kwanuka Kavuma Multicultural AIDS Coalition	The African Health Cup: An HIV Education and Health Promotion Intervention for African Immigrant Men
Boston: Kimberlee M. O'Brien, MEd, PhD Edward Tronick, PhD, Galia L. Moore, PhD Developmental Sciences Research Center Psychology	Chris Thompson, EdD Quincy Geneva Housing Corporation	Chronic Stress in High-risk Neighborhoods: Physiological and Subjective Indices in Foreign- and US-born Adult Residents
Worcester: Sherry Pagoto, PhD Division of Preventive and Behavioral Medicine, Department of Medicine	Steve Messineo All Access Physical Therapy & Fitness Academy	A Community-Clinic Partnership to Address Comorbid Obesity and Depression
<b>2011</b>		
Lowell: Nicole J. Champagne, EdD Community Health and Sustainability	Marcy Goldstein-Gelb Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health	Obesity/Overweight and the Role of Working Conditions in Lower Income Workers, A Qualitative, Participatory Investigation
Dartmouth: Lori A. Kieough PhD, RN Maria V. Vazquez, MSN, RN Community Health Nursing College of Nursing	David Weed, PsyD Marcia Picard Greater Fall River Partners for a Healthier Community	Readiness and Engagement Approach to Children's Health (REACH): A Pilot Study Exploring Parental Views of the Role of Schools and Community on Their Children's Health
Worcester: J. Lee Hargraves, PhD Family Medicine and Community Health	Joanne Calista, MS, LICSW Tatyana Gorodetsky, MEd Central MA AHCC, Inc.	Community Health Workers as Ad Hoc Interpreters: Balancing Role Extension
<b>2010</b>		
Worcester: Lisa R. Fortuna MD Matiide Castiel MD, Internal Medicine	Hector Reyes House	Evidence Based Participatory Pilot Study for the Implementation of Dual Diagnosis Treatment in a Residential Drug Treatment Program for Latino Men
Dartmouth: Robin A. Robinson PhD, PsyD Sociology, Anthropology, & Crime & Justice Studies	Cape Cod Justice for Youth Collaborative	Psychological Foundations of Power and Relational Abuse Amongst Rural and Small Town Adolescents
Worcester: Kathleen E. Walsh MD, MSc Pediatrics Kathleen M. Mazor EdD, MS Medicine, Meyers Primary Care Institute	Why Me & Sherry's House	Formative Research to Prepare to Assess Patient-Centered Communication in Pediatric Oncology



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Elena T. Carbone, DrPH, RD, LDN  
UMass Amherst

**Finding What you Need: Sources for National, State, and Local Information and Data**

Sally Gore, MS, MS LIS  
Informationist and Research Librarian

**Improving Success for Funding: Strategies to Maximize the Impact of Your Pilot Work**

Stephenie Lemon, PhD  
UMass Medical School

**Tips for Developing a Community Engagement Research Proposal**

- Suzanne Cashman, ScD  
UMass Medical School
- Chioma Nnaji, MPH, MEd  
Multicultural AIDS Coalition
- Sherry Pagoto, PhD  
UMass Medical School



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